GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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KAZKHAKOOTTAM-KOVALAM-PARASSALA BY PASS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the first phase of kazkhakoottam-Kovalam-Parassala by- pass is still incomplete;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for the inordinate delay and the time by which it is likely to be ready for vehicular traffic;

(d) the present status of the second phase of construction ; and

(e) the amount earmarked for the financial year 2002-2003 for second phase construction and land acquisition of Mukkola-Inchivila Sector of National Highways by-pass?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS(INDEPENDENT CHARGE)[MAJOR GENERAL (RETI KHANDURI, AVSM]

(a)to(c) : The construction of Kazkhakoottam-Kovalam-Parassala by-pass, which bypasses Tiruvananthapuram city is having a length of about 44.53 Km. This work has been taken up in two phases. Out of the total length of 22.63 Km of Phase-I comprising Kazkhakoottam-Kovalam Section, the work has been completed in about 21.4 Kms .In the remaining length of the section, the progress of the work has slowed down due to construction problems of high embankment in the approach of a road over bridge. The work of Phase-I is likely to be completed by March, 2003.

(d)&(e) : For Phase-II, comprising of Kovalam-Parassala section, land acquisition is in progress in 3.271 Km. out of the total length of about 21.9 Km. The construction work in this 3.271 Km. will be taken up after acquisition of the land. No provision for land acquisition for the balance section of Phase-II has however been made in the Annual Plan 2002-03 in view of the large number of sanctioned ongoing land acquisition cases and the emphasis on construction of road works.